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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Dated Lahore the 06th June, 2024

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1. The Secretary to Government of the Punjab,
 - i. Finance Department
 - ii. FW&F Department
 - iii. Environment Protection Department
2. The Chief Economist/ All Members / Joint Chief Economist, P&D Board.
3. The Director, Punjab Economic Research Institute (PERI).
4. The Director General, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E).
5. The Chief Executive Officer, Urban Unit, Lahore.

Subject: **MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP), (SECTOR: FW&F)**

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of 53rd PDWP meeting held on 10th May, 2024 under the chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board, for information and further necessary action of the following Item(s):-

Agenda Item No.	Name of the Item	ADP No. (2023-24)	Approved Cost (Rs. in million)
3	Wildlife Survey	7279 (New)	530.000

(ABRAHAM MALL)

PLANNING OFFICER (COORD-II)

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Sr. No.	PARTICULARS
	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD:
1	Sr. Chiefs:- (Coord. & Mont.), ENV & FW&F / Chiefs: ECA, Technical, Consultancy / Consultant (Coord)
2	Manager (MIS) P&D Board
3	PSO to Chairman, P&D Board.
4	PS to Secretary, P&D Board.
	C.C.
7	Chief (Food & Agriculture), M/o Planning, Dev. & Special Initiatives, Govt. of Pakistan, "P" Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad.

PLANNING OFFICER (COORD-II)

	GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD FW&F SECTION
MINUTES OF 53RD PDWP MEETING HELD ON 10.05.2024	
Agenda Item No. 3-	Wildlife Survey ADP No. 7279 (New)
Date & Time:	10.05.2024 (Friday) At 10:50 A.M
Venue:	Auditorium P&D Board
Participants:	List Attached

Chief (Env. & CC.), P&D Board briefed the forum that the scheme titled "Wildlife Survey" has been included in ADP 2023-24 at GS No. 7279 as a new scheme with an estimated cost of Rs 500.00 million and an allocation of Rs. 10.00 million. She further informed that the PC-I was presented before 50th PDWP on 24-04-2024, wherein the forum deferred the scheme with the following decisions:

- a) FWF Department to convene a consultative session with experts in wildlife surveys like WWF Pakistan, IUCN etc. and then submit the amended PC-I of the subject scheme.
- b) AD to change the nomenclature of the scheme from "Wildlife Survey" to "Wildlife Survey in Punjab".

2. She apprised the forum that as per the decision of PDWP, a consultative session was held on 26.04.2024 with stakeholders such as WWF, IUCN, ZSP and Academia. As a result of consultative session, the cost of the scheme has been increased from Rs. 500.00 million to Rs. 608.494 million. The PC-I was examined in detail and 25 observations were raised which have been shared with FWF Department. FWF Department has furnished the annotated replies; however, some of the observations were not addressed and need to be placed before PDWP.

DISCUSSION:

3. While discussing the Cost of Establishment, Chief (Env. & CC.) highlighted that AD has proposed Wildlife Survey Firms (05 nos.), 19 no. staff and Contingent Paid staff under the instant project. The Chair asked Administrative Department to justify the need of proposed Human Resource. Director General, Wildlife informed that as per discussion of consultative session, the area of survey has been divided into 05 zones i.e. Southern Zone (Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan and Multan), Central Zone (Lahore, Sahiwal and Gujranwala), Salt Range, North Zone (Rawalpindi) and Sargodha and Faisalabad Regions. Survey firms will be hired for each zone after competitive bidding process. He also added that the specialized/technical posts of Senior Ecologist and Biodiversity Specialists have been proposed to monitor the survey firms, their methodology, reporting, data analysis etc. to ensure quality of work. CEO Urban Unit is of the view that geographical spread of this survey is massive and Third Party Validation (TPV) is the most suitable way to check the quality of survey carrying out by these firms instead of hiring staff for monitoring the work of survey firms. Secretary, FWF Department requested the forum to allow only specialized/technical posts under this project in order to strengthen the Wildlife Department officers. Chair agreed and allowed the posts of Senior Ecologist,

Senior Biodiversity Specialist and Wildlife Supervisor (Census). Secretary FWF Department also assured the forum that these posts will be not be shifted to SNE after completion of the project.

4. The Chair was of the view that Administrative Department is carrying out survey at such large scale for the first time, therefore, Chair suggested that instead of conducting survey on all 05 zones, AD may start the survey with two main zones i.e. Southern Zone and Salt Range Zone. Director General, Wildlife responded that population of species is scattered throughout the Punjab e.g. Chinkara is found in desert areas as well as in Salt Range, therefore, it is not possible to calculate the exact population of specie by conducting survey of one or two zones.

5. Member (Agriculture) highlighted that under Machinery and Equipment head amounting to Rs. 112.546 million, FWF Department has proposed 06 vehicles (Double Cabin) at Rs. 84.00 million and other equipment like laptop, printer, cameras etc. Secretary, FWF Department responded that these vehicles will be required to undertake routine surveys in future and the equipment proposed will strengthen the Punjab Wildlife Research & Training Institute, Gatwala, Faisalabad for carrying out surveys. However, the forum is of the view that the equipment proposed is the responsibility of the survey firm. Hence, the forum allowed provision of 06 vehicles at a cost of Rs. 84.00 million by excluding the remaining equipment. The Chair also directed to rationalize the cost of wildlife photographers for coffee table book.

6. The forum recommended that the nomenclature of the project should be more elaborative. Hence, AD may consider it as "Wildlife Survey and Census in Punjab" and may take approval from competent forum for the same.

7. After incorporation of decisions of PDWP, the cost of the project was reduced to Rs. 530.00 million with the following break-up:

Sr. #	Item of Work	Rs. In Million	
		Cost Presented Before PDWP	Approved Cost
1	Machinery, Store, Tools & Equipment	112.546	84.000
2	Cost of Establishment	40.974	14.875
3	Commodities & Services	454.974	431.125
	Total	608.494	530.000

DECISIONS:

8. After detailed deliberations, the forum unanimously approved the scheme with the changed name as "Wildlife Survey and Census in Punjab" at a cost of Rs. 530.00 million till June, 2026 with subject to fulfillment of all codal, legal / procedural formalities by the Sponsoring Department as well as Executing Agencies.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

53rd PDWP MEETING, FY 2023-24

Dated: 10.05.2024

Name of the Officer		Designation / Department
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
1.	Mr. Barrister Nabeel Ahmed Awan	Chairman, P&D Board (In Chair)
2.	Dr Asif Tufail	Secretary, P&D Board / Member (Env. & CC.)
3.	Mr. Nasir Iqbal Malik	Chief Economist
4.	Mr. Abid Bodla	Member (ID / Water)
5.	Mr. Tariq Mehmood Bukhari	Member (LG&CD / UD)
6.	Mr. Shafaat Ali	Member (Health)
7.	Mr. Aslam Javed	Member (Agriculture)
8.	Mr. Sadaqat Hussain Khan	Member (Energy)
9.	Mr. Agha M. Ali Abbas	Member (Governance)
10.	Mr. Yawar Hussain	Member (Education)
11.	Mr. Sohail Rauf	Sr. Chief (C&M)
12.	Ms. Shafaq Saleem	Sr. Chief (Consultancy)
13.	Ms. Saba Asghar Ali	Chief (Env. & CC.)
14.	Mr. Abid Inayat Shaikh	Chief (Technical)
15.	Mr. Musa Raza	Assistant Chief (Coord-II)
16.	Ms. Rabbia Ali	Assistant Chief (/FW&F)
URBAN UNIT		
17.	Mr. Umar Masud	CEO, UU
DG (M&E)		
18.	Hafiz Waheed -ul-Hassan	Director Evaluation
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT		
19.	Mr. Khuram Malik	Environment Economist
PUNJAB ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PERI)		
20.	Mr. M. Ansar	Director (PERI)
FOREST, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES		
21.	Mr. Muddasir Waheed Malik	Secretary, FWF
22.	Mr. Muddasir Riaz	Director General, Wildlife
23.	Mr. Junaid Nadeem	Deputy Director (Headquarter)
FINANCE DEPARTMENT		
24.	Ms. Zainab Khan	AS(F)